

SITUATION REPORT NO. 37
INCIDENT NO. 97-003
DATE: March 11, 1997 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Winter storms and blizzard conditions statewide.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: In eastern North Dakota, snow fall during the March 3-4 snow storm ranged from one to two inches in the Devils Lake Basin to 15.1 inches in Fargo. The National Weather Service reported snow fall and water equivalents, where recorded, as follows: Clifford, four inches of snow fall with .3 inches of water equivalent; Edmore, one inch of snow fall; Devils Lake, two inches of snow fall with .13 inches of water equivalent; Fargo, 15.1 inches of snow fall with 1.06 inches of water equivalent; Grand Forks, 6.7 inches of snow fall with .35 inches of water equivalent; Lisbon, 4.7 inches of snow fall; Mayville, 7.5 inches of snow fall; Mantador, four inches of snow fall; Pembina, one inch of snow fall with .09 inches of water equivalent; and Wahpeton, seven inches of snow fall with .6 inches of water equivalent.

The Mental Health Association of North Dakota received 67 rural stress-related phone calls during January because of winter storms. Each call received by the HELP-LINE cost the agency an average of \$19.80 for a total of \$1,326.60. The Association staff believes rural residents' personal and mental health problems seemed intensified by adverse weather conditions and prolonged confinement.

The N.D. Agriculture Snow Emergency Task Force places animal carcass removal costs at \$150,000.00.

4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: By March 14, N.D. National Guard personnel expect to have all repair

parts ordered and to complete technical inspections of equipment used in snow removal operations. The National Guard's response to the winter storm disaster required 170 pieces of heavy equipment. Equipment used included dozers, snow blowers, tractor-trailers, support vehicles, graders and loaders. Fifteen personnel are working at five organizational maintenance shops located in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Fargo, Jamestown and Valley City.

The State/Federal Disaster Field Office (DFO) is scheduled to close March 14. The office was established January 24 to coordinate recovery efforts to the winter storms. After March 14, questions on snow removal projects should be directed to the N.D. Division of Emergency Management.

The Valley City satellite office closed on March 8. Inspectors are completing work this week at the Bismarck satellite office.

As of March 11, the DFO staff members have submitted 416 Damage Survey Reports (DSRs) to the Bismarck processing center. To date, 394 DSRs have been obligated and submitted to the N.D. Division of Emergency Management for delivery to applicants. A total of 276 applicants have submitted all their DSRs for processing.

Inspectors assigned to the Devils Lake and Minot satellite offices have completed their work. In Bismarck, teams of state and federal inspectors have been assigned to complete DSRs for the N.D. Department of Transportation, N.D. Highway Patrol and the N.D. National Guard.

According to the March 11 DFO update, 25 state inspectors and 17 federal inspectors have been released from duty.

In Barnes County, the cities of Rogers and Wimbledon have issued disaster declarations. All North Dakota counties have now issued disaster declarations with the addition of McKenzie County, which issued its declaration on February 27.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: The next situation report will be issued on March 18, 1997.

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